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THE STATE CONVENTION.

A Great Meeting of the Flower of Missouri's Democracy.

SYNOPSIS OF THE PLATFORM

Black, Carrington and Finks Nominated.

The Democratic State Convention met at Kansas city last Tuesday and appointed a committee on platform, which, after wrangling over the currency question far into the night, brought in a majority and a minority report, the first by the chairman, Mr. Bland, the other by R. Graham Grosz, of St. Louis. The majority report declared for renomination of silver and its restoration to its position previous to 1873. The minority report reiterates the Chicago platform, simply.

Judge Francis M. Black was nominated by acclamation for Supreme Judge, and Prof. Wm. T. Carrington on first ballot for Superintendent of Schools, and Joseph H. Finks, Railroad Commissioner.

THE PLATFORM.

The platform reaffirms the party's adherence to the principles of its former State and national platforms, denounces all partnerships between private interests and the Federal government and declares that the government has no constitutional right to collect tariff taxes in excess of what is requisite for necessary revenue. It denounces, especially, the McKinley tariff, and unequivocally condemns the action of every Representative and Senator who directly or indirectly delays the reform of tariff duties. It favors the imposition of an income tax. It demands the free bimetallic coinage of both gold and silver, and the restoration of the bimetallic standard as it existed for 80 years previous to the demonetization of silver in 1873, and declares that "should it become necessary, in order to maintain the ratio, it should be determined whether gold has risen or silver has fallen, and whether there should be a change of the gold dollar or the silver dollar, or of both, to the end that whatever ratio is adopted, the rights of both creditor and debtor shall be preserved alike, having in view the demands of the people for an adequate circulating medium." It declares that "we are not in favor of gold monometallism or silver monometallism, but that both should be coined at such ratio as will maintain the two metals in circulation." It opposes the farming out to national banks the right to issue circulating notes. It opposes the increase of the interest bearing debt of the government. It calls for the definition and limitation of the jurisdiction of the Federal courts, so as to protect the States from usurpation of their constitutional rights. It endorses the repeal of the Federal election laws, and it denounces the A. P. A. as un-American, un-democratic and unlawful.

The minority report reads as follows: "We hereby reaffirm the declaration of Democratic principles placed before the country by the last Democratic National Convention assembled at Chicago on June 22, 1892, and ratified by the State Democratic platform adopted at Jefferson City, on July 2, 1892." The adoption of the majority report constitutes that the platform, and from that the above synopsis is made. The report was carried by 532 to 109.

FROM LUSK'S CHAPEL.

This weather is making corn get a move on it, but the army worm is damaging it and the wheat here.

Rev. Lusk preached an able sermon Sunday week.

Messrs. Tanner and Fizer electioneered with us last week.

Miss Josie Misenheimer, of Jonesboro, Ill., who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John Harness, returned home Sunday.

Diphtheria is causing some of our people to keep their children from school.

Our people are all employed, and no one has gone home to join Coxey.

The fox hunters have gone to work at more monotonous but more profitable employment.

Dame Rumor promises us a wedding this week.

Mrs. Josh French is down with throat trouble. Edgar Swank's child is recovering from diphtheria.

Mrs. Harry Linebaugh, of Texas Bend, died last week.

Amers.

—Miss Maud Donovan, of Alto, Ill., after a lengthened visit with Mrs. Jas. Walker, during which she made many friends in and around Benton, returned home last Sunday.

—The army worm is busy around Benton. Phil. Gangle has lost a fine pasture by its ravages, and it is reported in various other places.

—The Scott County Sunday School Convention will meet at Morley Tuesday and Wednesday, May 22nd and 23rd. All who are interested in the work are earnestly requested to attend.

—Dr. Butler was called to Adamsville, Tenn., Tuesday, by the serious illness of his sister.

—The Blodgett Amateur Dramatic Co. will present "The New York Book Agent," a drama in four acts, at Evans' Hall, Blodgett, on Saturday, May 26th. Proceeds go to the benefit of the churches.

DRY GOODS.
CLOTHING.
BOOTS and SHOES.
MILLINERY.
DRESS GOODS.
TRIMMINGS.
UNDERWEAR.
HOSIERY.
TOILET ARTICLES.

Ladies!
We Want You to Call and Examine
OUR ELEGANT SUMMER DISPLAY.
Farmers!
We Handle Wagons, Buggies, Carts, etc., and
We are Prepared to Supply Your Every Want.
WE ARE THE LEADERS!
MATTHEWS, STUBBLEFIELD & CO.

GROCERIES.
QUEENSWARE.
HARDWARE.
CUTTLERY.
FARM MACHINERY.
BURIAL ROBES.
COFFINS.
FURNITURE.
DRUGS.

SOUTHEAST NOTES.

"Dr." Spotted Wolf is after the greenhorns over in Stoddard county. There is to be a racing tournament at Kennett August 3rd and 4th.

The Dunklin Democrat is mad—especially with Scott county, which it accuses of being little more than a township of Cape county, and a great big hog on the hoof. But Bro. Caruthers will cool off all right. He's a good boy—as good as they make.

The Dunklin papers fear an attempt to hush the rape cases and demand justice. Another like atrocity was reported from that county last week. A session of Judge Lynch's court might help matters over there.

Sam Jones will speak in Kennett the afternoon and night of Saturday, June 9th.

Crane shooting and frog sticking are profitable industries in Dunklin county. One man sold \$75 worth of plumes—the result of two days' shooting.

Charleston is to have a theatrical stock company twice a week for ten weeks—beginning June 1st. Too warm weather, we fear.

The Jackson Cash Book is eating dirt over its recent slander of a member of the State legislature, who does own a saloon, but is guiltless of McGuire's grosser charges. Owning a saloon led Mac to infer the rest.

In Malden the town marshal blows a horn at 9 o'clock p. m., and boys born on the streets later are arrested unless they have a permit.

Jackson had a bit of a cyclone on the 5th which did considerable damage to property, unroofing buildings, tearing down trees and so forth. No damage to life or limb reported.

The Newsum murder trial is put off until the fourth Monday in June, when Judge Shackelford will preside.

The Marble Hill Press came out in a pink dress, in honor of its 13th birthday.

Mr. D. Bauman and Mrs. Jennie Forster, of Farmington, narrowly escaped drowning in the Terre Bleu river, which they attempted to ford after a rain storm. Mrs. Forster's devotion to water as a beverage did not keep that element from wellnigh strangling her.

The moon having changed, the Poplar Bluff citizen has again changed hands. Wm. A. and Ed. P. Tetwiler are the new owners. Good men both.

Judge Fox is making a splendid race in the 13th district. Good bye, Jasper.

The seventeen-year locust is reported from various points in Southeast Missouri.

Iron county abounds in rattlesnakes. A den of 43 of these varmints was cleaned out ten miles south of Ironton. Copperheads and blue rascals also abound.

Charleston is to have a telephone system.

Town marshal Elkins, of Charleston, deserted his wife and left for parts unknown with a woman of bad character. His bondsmen are out \$55.

Mississippi county's congressional primary will be abandoned; the bottom having dropped out of the Phillips boom.

Charleston is to have a city hall, and has added 5 cents to her taxes for that laudable purpose.

Bert Brooks, of near Cape Girardeau, shot himself dead Wednesday last week, while out fishing. It is not positively known that it was suicide, but such is the surmise.

A fool named David Bellon, of Donaldson's Point, "accidentally" discharged his revolver and nearly killed "Lige" Morrison, a son of the late Senator T. J. O. Morrison.

Will T. Travis, of Pemiscot county, shot and killed James Randolph, who he claims was coming into his (Travis') house with hostile intent. He is held for murder.

Heisserer & Miller handle the best makes of cooking stoves at lowest city prices. Their groceries are always fresh and everybody brags about their flour.

—It was John Vandusen instead of "Squire Woodward who presented the petition to the county court asking for the readjustment of the voting precincts in Morley township.

—If you think of buying furniture, it will pay you to inspect the stock of Anderson Bros., at Commerce, and get prices. They can and will save you money.

FROM FIKESTON.

The most exciting feature of life in Fikeston this week is a protracted meeting at the Baptist church. One Harry Cotes, an evangelist, is holding the fort and bombarding the city with the history of his all arounds in the past. His modus operandi is very similar to that of Wild Bill Evans, with the exception that the latter does not persist in telling the people about himself.

Jas. Rodgers and Jas. Cresson left their paternal roofs this week and started—no one knows whither—perhaps out west to grow up with the country, perhaps to join Coxey's "industrial army."

Jas. Shalin visited New Madrid Monday.

Rev. J. M. Crowe is attending the M. E. church South conference at Memphis this week.

Three boys were arrested Monday for disturbing the meeting at the Baptist church Sunday night. Several gentlemen took seats in the rear windows of the church on account of the crowded condition of the house. The boys outside concluded to try the staying qualities of these so seated, and proceeded to make pin cushions of their anatomy, for which the mayor fined them each \$1 and costs.

Rumor has it that Cupid has been playing some tricks in the upper circle this week. No doubt, this is a mistake.

On last Sunday evening a little girl of John Groer's got hold of a bottle containing Fowler's Solution and drank a quantity of same. Dr. Wyatt was hastily summoned and administered the proper antidote for arsenic poisoning and soon had the little girl all right. Mrs. Groer with good judgment administered an emetic as soon as she discovered the child had taken the poison.

Malone & Vanaudall have purchased a new stock of goods for Gray's Ridge where they intend opening a branch store.

Horseback riding is now the popular fad in Fikeston. Most any evening a company of young ladies and gentlemen can be seen exercising in this manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Gresham and Frank Heisserer spent Sunday at Benton and New Hamburg.

A suit in Justice Harrison's court brought by Mr. Tyler against Joe Hoffman for non payment of note was decided in favor of defendant, he having in possession a note by plaintiff given to another party which he used to offset plaintiff's claim. C.

FROM BLODGETT.

J. H. Stubbs went to Charleston one day last week.

Monroe Fulcher was in Morley last week.

Mrs. R. J. Watkins and Mrs. J. H. Stubbs went to Sikeston one day last week to spend the day with friends.

Mr. J. Alsop left Friday for Mt. Pleasant to visit his brother. He will remain there until watermelon season and then return to the land of watermelon, possum and sleep.

A trio of youths went out frog hunting one night last week, and on their journey to the land of the frogs their vehicle became wrecked and the youths did not return home until late that night. But we failed to see any game.

The Ananias club met at 11:35 p. m. at Hog Island swamp and reorganized, electing officers. The G. R. S. and the N. E. S. both came very near being drowned. You will receive full particulars of the club's doings hereafter.

H. Schroeder went to Charleston Monday evening.

A moonlight party was given at the residence of Mrs. R. Stubblefield for the little folks of this place Tuesday night. There were about thirty present and all enjoyed themselves immensely, refreshments being served—ice cream, cake, etc.

M. Adams and family went to Benton Sunday.

S. & S.

—The stock of shoes at Ben Tenk-hoff's in Commerce is the most complete in Scott County. He handles only the goods of the best makers, but his prices are as low as the lowest. Special attention is now given to light shoes for summer wear. Call in and examine his stock.

—Silas Parker, the hustling Sikeston jeweler, was in Benton Tuesday, accompanied by his wife. He is working up quite a connection here and will probably set a day in each month when he can be seen in Benton.

FROM ORAN.

The lecture on "Miracles" given at the Catholic church by Father Brandt, of Charleston, last Sunday night was well received and enjoyed by all who had the good fortune to hear it. He will give a lecture here sometime in June, his subject being "The Resurrection."

The Catholic church at this place will be dedicated May 27th, provided it is completed by that date.

Mrs. Dr. Tomlinson, of Morley, who has been very ill for several days, is reported better at this writing (Monday).

A young Jew peddler, who makes Oran his headquarters, was knocked down and robbed of 25 cents by a negro last Wednesday. The young man was on his way from Commerce to Diehlstadt when this occurred.

Col. Hafner, of Benton, was here a few hours Monday on his way to the Cape. He reports business flourishing in his line and that collections are good—that his patrons pay their bills promptly when called upon.

The Col. looks prosperous and is dressed "to kill." We presume the gold spectacles are only for style as the editor is quite a young man.

Artie Davis' horse became lame some without his master and came up from Sikeston to see him. Not meeting with a cordial welcome he is visiting in Cape County.

John Haggie, of Charleston, bought the mill and 120 acres of land owned by Eugene Randolph, of Parker Station, since our last letter. Mr. Randolph and family will move to Charleston. Mr. H. took charge of the property last Monday.

Our Republican friends are happy on account of the general disaster which is very apparent in our present legislation.

Matthews, Stubblefield & Co., shipped a car-load of slaugles to Cornwall, Mo., Monday.

Services were held in the new Catholic church last Sunday for the first time.

Judge Hale's fine mare, valued at \$150, died Monday night.

Five wagons loaded with dry goods were unloaded at Matthews, Stubblefield & Co.'s, store last Tuesday morning.

Mrs. F. Zundel went to St. Louis Sunday last, and it is rumored will attend her brother's, Wirt Dyer's, wedding.

Miss Allie Norman is visiting friends in this place this week. Miss Norman is a great favorite with our people, especially our scribes.

Mrs. M. A. Thompson, who has been an invalid since last November, is now able to visit her friends and will return to her home at Charleston in the near future.

A car-load of ties was shipped from here last Tuesday.

Dr. C. C. Harris, of Morley, was here a few hours Tuesday.

W. H. Stubblefield's addition to his dwelling is almost completed.

Eugene Randolph and Frank Vandusen, of Parker, were here on business Tuesday.

Potato bugs are abundant and very destructive in our town.

The wheat and clover crops are promising just now but the Army worm is putting in his work on the former.

—The stock of Dry Goods on Tenk-hoff's shelves, at Commerce is now complete in all departments. Summer dress goods are very handsome this season and were never so cheap before. Now is the time to buy, while the stock is fresh and the choice large. No trouble to show goods and no trouble to sell them at Ben's prices.

—Circuit Court meets in adjourned term next Tuesday. The cases to be tried are the J. M. Fullerton railroad suit sent down from the Supreme Court for re-hearing; the Loyd murder case; the Bohardt forgery case, and possibly, the Clayton larceny case. The trial of the latter will involve the calling of a special Grand jury.

—Seen these black laws at Heisserer & Miller's? They are handsome and the nicest, coolest summer wear. The new stock of dress goods is now on hand and you can find exactly what you want.

—There will be an A. O. U. W. picnic at Glen Allen on Thursday, the 24th inst. Hon. Marsh Arnold is on the bills for a speech.

—A splendid stock of men's shirts just in at Heisserer & Miller's. Also the best line of summer hats in the county. To see them is to buy one.

OFF FOR CALIFORNIA.

We left Denver on Monday for Colorado Springs and were there detained two days by heavy snow storms. We found the Springs a fine place, kept up by health-seekers—mostly consumptives. We visited the Garden of the Gods, consisting of rocks in different shapes, resembling many things in heaven and earth, one being called the Tower of Babel and one Jubilee—the latter 350 feet high. Thence we went to the City of Manitou, situated at the base of Pike's Peak. Here are springs of soda, iron and sulphur. Thence we went to Cheyenne Canon, Great Canon and Seven Falls—noted places in the mountains. After three days' work they got the snow cleared off the track and we ascended Pike's Peak on the "egg" railroad—a distance of eight miles—and gained an altitude of 14,437 feet above sea level. Coming down we were caught in a drift, which it took us eight hours to get out of—quite an exciting experience. Thence we came on to Pueblo, a nice little town on the Arkansas river and in the center of the mining region.

We left Pueblo over the D. & R. G. Ry. for Canon City, and at that point came to the rocky mountains, passing through the Royal Gorge, amid beautiful scenery; thence over the various noted passes through the mountains, through the mining city of Leadville on to Tennessee Pass, which is at the top of the Rocky range, 11,000 feet up. Thence we came down through numerous tunnels, our next stop being at Glenwood Springs—a nice little city noted for its numerous hot springs; thence on to Salt Lake City. There we stayed two days, visited the Mormon Tabernacle and Temple, the latter of which cost the saints over five millions of dollars. It has the largest organ in the world—a 2,600 pipe, 37 stop, 3 key-board instrument, run by water power and aided by a choir of 500 voices. The Tabernacle's seating capacity is over 12,000. Visited Brigham Young's former residence and his present one in the mausoleum, and ran out to Salt Air Beach—a great summer resort on the lake. Thence to Fort Douglas, where the U. S. troops are partly Indian. Between Salt Lake City and Ogden we passed through some fine farming country under irrigation. Between Ogden and Nevada the country is almost a desert, and is inhabited by Indians, whose squaws amused us at stopping places by making dime museum of their puppets. Then on again to the California State line, across the Sierra Nevada mountains into the Sacramento valley, a fine farming country under the irrigation system. We found Sacramento a city of fine residences and lovely parks, the center of a rich country, noted for the fruits. Sacramento valley deserves its world wide reputation, and is a paradise of fine farms and wealthy farmers. The drought this Spring will cause a short crop, but their irrigation system will save them from any grave disaster.

What I have seen so far, of California is fully up to my expectations. My next objective point is Los Angeles, about which you will hear in my next.

BEN. F. MARSHALL.

—A social was given at Mr. and Mrs. Hunter's residence Friday night of last week, which was much enjoyed by all who attended.

—John Clayton was before "Squire Heuchan last Saturday on charge of venue from "Squire Cannon's court on the charge of larceny from dwelling of Charley Profit. He was held for the Grand jury.

—Anderson Bros., at Commerce, have just opened a largest stock of new Spring Goods, and are in the market to win. See them and ave money.

—Dr. Frazer, delegate, and James Lynch, proxy for Albert DeRaign, left for the State Convention at Kansas City on Sunday.

—Hall and Cooper lands for sale on time payments. Apply to Albert C. Davis, 520 Olive St., St. Louis.

—It was reported that the party of burglars who robbed Daugherty's store had been captured at Farmington last Sunday, but it seems there was not sufficient proof to hold them.

—Parties in need of stock peas can secure them at the store of Anderson Bros., Commerce, the next few days on favorable terms, as they need the warehouse room.

—Probate Court has been in session all week with a very heavy docket of 64 cases.

FROM MORLEY.

Rev. Reeves left last week for Dallas, Texas, where he goes to a meeting of the Southern Baptists. He expects to be back in two weeks.

John Clemson and wife, of Oran, were down Sunday to see the wife of Dr. Tomlinson, who is reported quite ill at this writing.

Died, last Saturday of pneumonia, the wife of Jack Acord in the swamp. She was buried here Sunday.

Mrs. Wells, of Gayosa, Mo., is here visiting her father, Mr. J. W. Mays.

Born, to the wife of D. J. West, a big boy. Jack says he is a Democrat from away back.

Our city was overrun with drummers the past week. Men selling in every line you could think of.

The sports, of Morley, are having a fine time killing squirrels in the hills now as young squirrels are quite plentiful.

Geo. R. Wilson, of Cape Girardeau, is down looking after his hotel business. Geo. is a "wide souled" fellow and we are glad to see him around.

Mrs. R. A. Sparks is up visiting Father Gupton and family. The section gang started to work on the "Penavine" Thursday to get the road up in shape to haul the coming melon crop.

The Army worm has made its appearance here a little early this year and it is feared they will do some harm.

A social dance was given last Tuesday night at L. C. Martin's. Refreshments were served and everybody reports having a fine time.

Dee Barnes had a painful accident happen him last week. He broke his arm for the second time in two months. Dee is a good boy and we hope he will be all right in a few days.

J. T. Githens and Thos. Hinkle, of Oran, were here Tuesday. "Buddy" was hand shaking, and "Ted" was just seeing the boys.

Rumor says the Iron Mountain will put in another switch here before melon time. We hope they will as it is a badly needed thing. COXEY.

Incline at Commerce.

Major Brooks, Houck's chief civil engineer, and Capt. Hammond, of the Grand Tower Transfer Co., arrived at Commerce Tuesday to locate an incline for the purpose of transferring cars from the H. M. & S. to the Grand Tower and St. Louis route, at East Cape.

This will be a great advantage to the melon growers between Benton, Morley and Blodgett. The object of the incline is to handle the melon crop of this section, and give the planters a more direct connection with the cities in the north and east.

Major Brooks informed the News-boy reporter that the Houck road handled three hundred cars last year, and that they expected to handle a thousand this season.

This will bring about competition, and the Iron Mountain cannot afford to be too independent in the future. Melon raisers will likely be furnished with all the cars they can use by either road.

The Excursion.

As advertised, the steamer Idle-wild rounded in at Cape Girardeau Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock, all prepared to accommodate an excursion party to Cairo and return. By 9 o'clock the boat was well crowded with excursionists, and the cornet band played from the hurricane roof. A half hour later the boat turned her bow southward, having on board about three hundred passengers.

About forty recruits were taken on at Commerce, and the boat steamed for Cairo—arriving there about two o'clock—where they remained about three hours. Returning dancing was indulged in and all had a pleasant time—arriving at the Cape about midnight.

—J. S. Stone, of Denton, Tex., seeing in the Newsboy that the melon bug is hurting us, kindly sends us the following recipe, which, he claims, is deemed successful in his neighborhood. One pint of coal tar dissolved in three or four gallons of water. Spray the plants. It is harmless and cheap. Please report results to this office, if you try it.

—St. Genevieve flour takes the cake, makes the cake and leads the market. Heisserer & Miller handle it.

—Gov. Stone appointed J. M. Leftwich Recorder of Deeds in Scott county until Jan. 1, 1895.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Judge Friend, of Oran, was here and spoke Democracy to all of us.

J. G. Stubenrauch, of the Cape, spent a few hours here Friday. He was en route to visit his son, Joe, and grand-children at Oran.

Your correspondent from Blodgett is a little bit wrong in presuming that Ben. F. Marshall has purchased a large portion of Pike's Peak. We did this in 1880, but failed to pay the taxes, thinking that real estate up so high in the air was exempt from all such sort of loquomania.

Bro. Joseph Geisner renovated his butcher shop and supplies us with choice meats.

Messrs. Dirmberger & Schlosser, our merchants, have laid in a new supply of goods and can accommodate all wants.

Pete Bosen, reported in our last as being in ill health, can be found again at the old stand. The familiar click, click, and anvil hit, and friendly chats at his shop can be heard again.

Some miscreants have played havoc with somebody's grease box, grease used to soften bolts, nuts, etc. Beware there is danger ahead.

Geo. Reingle has moved his family to Louis Wellman's place north of town.

David Stehr, our north end blacksmith, has an abundance of work. Dave is well liked and being an upright and competent mechanic, his work is appreciated by all.

Rev. Father Scherer visited Benton and Commerce Friday.

Hon. Silas White paid us a visit, looking up the strength of his fences for his support.

Joseph Geisner and family and Mrs. Leo Stehr visited Oran on Tuesday.

Lawrence Bucher is the happy papa of a darling girl, born, the 13th inst.

The feast of Pentecost was celebrated at St. Lawrence church with the greatest solemnity possible. The altars were decorated to the utmost—bearing banners of the various societies streaming and the fragrant flowers perfuming the spacious edifice. Rev. Father Scherer occupied the pulpit and delivered a most edifying sermon on the establishment of the Christian church, and the preaching of the Apostles in divers tongues. The choir rendered the enchanting Zangle's Mass creditably.

Simon Reiminger took in Benton on Monday.

Ye editor and Dr. Butler, of Benton, Milo Gresham and Frank Heisserer, of Sikeston, paid your scribe an acceptable visit. Ye gents are welcome. Come often and cheer Hamburg with your visits and music.

Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt here Sunday morning at 3 o'clock; they were of short duration following in quick succession, passing from north to south.

The weather at present is what the farmers need, dry and warm. Corn is nearly all planted, some worked over. Wheat looks splendid and promises a plentiful harvest.

Frank Bies had charge of the mail Wednesday, and carried passengers also from Hamburg to Benton. Gilt-edged female passengers.

Pete Dirmberger, of Oran, called on his friends here on Wednesday.

FROM COMMERCE.

The biggest thing out was the excursion on the Idlewild. It was something like Artemus Ward's courtship at Salt Lake City—it was the melon which spoiled it. Commerce folks went in and got squeezed. There was not room enough to stand up, hang up or sit down. Unlike some patent medicines, it was best before taking.

Saturday is the busy day in Commerce, and last Saturday the candidates were here in force, and they wanted your "influence" if you could not vote. They were all smiles and all appeared to be happy. Shaking hands was the order of the day. It seemed to be rather a puzzle to account for so much seeming good humor, as there was very little treating and the only solution to so much good nature must be contained in the provisions of our late election laws, and if that theory is correct then we are indebted to the Australians for a wonderful civilization, and if we have any commodity that they may want, I am anxious to reciprocate. We could not spare any of our candidates until after the primary; then they might have a job lot duty free.

Before closing this letter from Commerce, I may mention that Mrs. Earl Murdock, of Cairo is visiting old friends here. Earl don't look like an old married woman. She looks just as she looked when she was fifteen.

STRAYS.